Thirteenth National Children's Science Congress

496. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have held Thirteenth National Children's Science Congress, recently; and

(b) if so, the aims and ojbectives set during the Congress?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) The primary objectives is to make a forum available to young scientists in the age group of 10 to 17 years, to exhibit their creativity, innovativeness and ability to solve societal problems under a defined theme while working in teams. The theme for this Congress was 'Harnessing Water Resources for a Better Future'.

Bio-Technology park in Andhra Pradesh

497. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Government of Andhra Pradesh have submitted any proposal to set up a Bio-technology park in the State; and

(b) if so, the assistance extended by the Department of Bio-technology in the establishment of Bio-technology Park in the State?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) Sir, the Government of Andhra Pradesh have not submitted any proposal for assistance from the Government of India to set up Bio-technology park in the state. However, the Government of India is providing financial assistance to Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT), Hyderabad for establishment of Bio-technology Incubation Centre at Shapoorji Pallonji Biotech park, Genome Valley, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.